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Proposed Rule Change – Senator Steve Erdman

Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture. At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill under consideration, a co-introducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, if the bill is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer; however, the presiding officer may rule such motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately. ~~A two-thirds majority of the elected members shall be required for the cloture motion to be successful.~~ A motion for cloture shall be deemed successful whenever passed by two-thirds of the members voting Yea or Nay with no fewer than 25 affirmative votes. A vote of Present/Not Voting shall not be counted as a vote when voting on a cloture motion. A motion for cloture on a major proposal shall require a three-fifths majority of the members voting Yea or Nay to pass.

A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the bill or resolution ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the bill or resolution, successive motions for cloture shall not be in order until one additional hour of debate has occurred. A vote on a cloture motion shall be a record machine vote.

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